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1. FOLLOWING REPORT ON TASS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO CONCERNING
"BIASED REPORTING" BY NEW YORK TIMES' DAVID SHIPLER
AFTER HIS RECENT TRIP TO BURYAT ASSR, JUNE ISSUE OF
NOVOYE VREMENYA (NO. 23) PICKS UP THE BALL AND WRITES
OF "MR. SHIPLER'S METHODS" (WHICH COMES OUT MORE DRAMA-
TICALLY AS "MR. SHIPLER'S CROOKED MIRROR" IN THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE EDITION). CORRESPONDENT V. YELIN TELLS OF SHIP-
LER'S CHANCE TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH "EVERY ASPECT OF
THE COUNTRY'S LIFE"; STILL, THE REPORT SHIPLER CAME BACK
WITH "HAS LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT HE SAW". SHIPLER
CHARGES THAT THE "REPUBLIC OF BURYATIA" IS A "BACKWARD
REGION", ITS CULTURE IS "SUBMERGED" AND ITS PEOPLE
SUBJECT TO RUSSIFICATION AND "ASSIMILATION". YELIN,
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HOWEVER, HAS THE TRUE FACTS. HE WRITES ABOUT HOW MUCH
BETTER OFF THE BURYAT PEOPLE ARE NOW UNDER SOCIALISM.
THE CHARGE OF RUSSIFICATION TOO IS OFF BASE, HE CLAIMS.
SHIPLER "COULD HAVE REPORTED" THAT THE REPUBLIC NOW HAS
ITS OWN CONSTITUTION, CENTRAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES
AND SO ON. YELIN GOES ON TO QUOTE ANDREY MODOGOYEV,
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE BURYAT OBLAST PARTY COMMITTEE,

AS SAYING, "WHAT MR. SHIPLER TELLS HIS READERS IS A HODGEPODGE OF DISTORTIONS AND INACCURACIES, OR, TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, DELIBERATE DISINFORMATION DESIGNED TO DISTORT THE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS." MATLOCK

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